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## REPORTED PURGES IN RUMANIA

Since the end of March 1952, when the purges of Pauker, Luca and Georgescu began, liquidations of Rumanian Communist Party leaders have continued at a steady pace. It has become a common occurrance in Bucharest to liquidate an official for the slightest deviation from the party line, or even for presumed intention to deviate. The following purges have been reported:

Avram Bunaciu, former assistant minister under Ana Pauker in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was dismissed recently despite his membership in the Central Committee of the party and in the Rumanian Politbureau, and despite his position as State Prosecutor. Similarly, Lotar Radaceanu was dismissed from the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare. The fact that he too was a member of the Politbureau and that he had been responsible for the destruction of the Socialist Party of Titel Petrescu did not help him stay in power.

Another dismissal was that of Vasile Marzea from his post as Minister of Health, a job he had held since 1948. The reason given for his dismissal amazed many observers. He was denounced for "incapacity and grave negligence committed in the course of his duties." No further details were given, but it was 'inted that Marzea to Belgium.

Alexandru Voitinovici was dismissed from his post as Prosecutor General of Rumania, even though in the past he had been the most instrumental figure in the communist trials. At present, Voitinovici is serving a long sentence in the Aiud prison for political prisoners. The last political figure to fall in the purge as Gheorghe Florescu, former chief of the Young Communist League of Rumania, who was dismissed despite his loyal service to the party for the past 30 years.

The resulting vacancies were filled by the following political reliables: Nicolae Cioroiu in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Pericle Nigescu at the Ministry of Social Welfare; Octavian Berlogea at the Ministry of Health; Vasile Musat as head of the Young Communist League of Rumania; Constantin Mateescu at the Coal Ministry; and Anton Tatu-Jianu as Prosecutor General of Rumania.

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In addition to the above changes, a new ministry was added to the already numerous list. The Ministry of the Interior was divided into two separate winistries: the Ministry of Interior, which is to supervise the regional administration of the country and the Ministry of Security, which will supervise security matters, forced labor camps, prisons, militia, crematoria, and other terror group activities.

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